

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Addendum

MIHP Number: SM-492

Property Name: Ebenezer School No. 3
Property Address: Chancellor's Run Road, California, MD 20634

According to a letter dated December 3, 2002 from the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), this property has been demolished.

Capsule Summary
SM-492
Ebenezer School No. 3
California vicinity
Private

Circa 1910

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SM-492, Ebenezer School No. 3
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.

Historic Period Theme: Education

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: School

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. **SM-492**

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ebenezer School No. 3

2. Location

street & number Chancellor's Run Road not for publication

city, town California X vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's County

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <u> </u> district | <u> </u> public | <u> </u> X <u> </u> occupied | <u> </u> agriculture | <u> </u> museum |
| <u> </u> X <u> </u> building(s) | <u> </u> X <u> </u> private | <u> </u> unoccupied | <u> </u> commercial | <u> </u> park |
| <u> </u> structure | <u> </u> both | <u> </u> work in progress | <u> </u> educational | <u> </u> X <u> </u> private residence |
| <u> </u> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <u> </u> entertainment | <u> </u> religious |
| <u> </u> object | <u> </u> in process | <u> </u> X <u> </u> yes: restricted | <u> </u> government | <u> </u> scientific |
| | <u> </u> being considered | <u> </u> yes: unrestricted | <u> </u> industrial | <u> </u> transportation |
| | <u> </u> X <u> </u> not applicable | <u> </u> no | <u> </u> military | <u> </u> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Val R. and Patricia A. Brynteson

street & number 6115 SR 11 telephone no.:

city, town De Leon Springs state and zip code FL 32130

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber CBG 127

street & number folio 216

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

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city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. **SM-492**

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Ebenezer School No. 3 is located on the southeast corner of Chancellor's Run Road and Strickland Road near California in St. Mary's County, Maryland. One outbuilding stands on the lot. Now used as a dwelling, the school faces west and has a gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1910, the school building is a one-story, frame structure. It is supported by a brick pier foundation now infilled with cinderblocks. The exterior is sheathed with artificial siding which covers the original weatherboard siding. The roof is covered with seamed metal. The roofline is finished with a boxed cornice. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridgeline.

The west (main) elevation consists of a partially glazed entrance door flanked by one six-over-six sash window with narrow, beaded surrounds. A hipped-roof porch extends across the full width of the first floor. The porch has a seamed metal roof, wainscoted ceiling and wood floor. The upper half story of the school building is pierced by a four-light window and is finished with cornice returns.

The north elevation is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows and a modern door. The door has been inserted into what was an original window opening. This door is now covered with plywood. Three two-over-two sash windows with plank shutters pierce this elevation just below the cornice line. This windows appear to be later additions, inserted once the school was converted for use as a dwelling. A shed roof addition extends from the east end of the building. This addition is pierced by two six-light windows.

The first floor of the east elevation is covered by the one-story shed roof addition. The addition is pierced by a window, a double door entrance, and a nine-light-over-three-panel door. The upper half story is pierced by a four-light window and two two-light windows. This gable end is finished with cornice returns.

The south elevation of the shed roof addition is pierced by two four-light windows with wide surrounds. Four six-over-six sash windows with narrow beaded surrounds pierce the south elevation. Three two-over-two sash windows with plank shutters pierce this elevation just beneath the cornice line.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM 492

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates Unknown

Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Notably, the description of the property in 1927 states that the triangular lot is bounded by a road on each side. One of these roads survives today as Strickland Road. Although the other road is no longer used, the road bed and triangular configuration of the lot remains visible.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM 492

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.5 acresQuadrangle name Solomons IslandQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Acreage that Comprises Lot

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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SM-492, Ebenezer School No. 3
St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Val R. and Patricia A. Brynteson
FROM: Lord Calvert Trailer Park Inc.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 127, folio 216.
DATE: June 15, 1966
NOTES: Transfer of 3 54/100s acres.

TO: Lord Calvert Trailer Park Inc.
FROM: Elbert E. Cobb and Perrie Louise Cobb
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 125, folio 493.
DATE: March 21, 1966.
NOTES: Transfer of 3 54/100s acres.

TO: Elbert E. Cobb and Perrie Louise Cobb
FROM: Irvin V. Forsyth and Theola J. Forsyth
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 33, folio 229.
DATE: October 3, 1951.
NOTES: Transfer of 3 54/100s acres.

TO: Irvin V. Forsyth and Theola J. Forsyth
FROM: Henry Thomas Waring and James Waring
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 18, folio 493.
DATE: August 14, 1946.
NOTES: Transfer of 3 54/100s acres being a portion of "Charles Chance" and "Woolsey Hall" with the provision "It being understood...that neither the real estate hereby conveyed or any part thereof shall ever be sold, conveyed, or leased to or occupied by any person...of negro or african blood, nor shall said real estate...be used for the sale of intoxicating liquor..." This is a portion of CBG 18/242.

TO: Henry Thomas Waring and James Waring
FROM: J. Bernard Goodwin and Louise Goodwin
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 18, folio 242.
DATE: April 23, 1946.
NOTES: Transfer of a portion of "Charles Chance" and "Woolsey Hall." This also includes a lot of land being called and designated as "the Lot upon which Ebenezer School No. 3 stands.."

TO: Maria A. Y. Goodwin
FROM: Board of Education of St. Mary's County
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 5, folio 135.
DATE: April 30, 1927.

SM-492, Ebenezer School No. 3
St. Mary's County
8.2 Significance

NOTES: Transfer of two parcels. One being a one acre lot on the west side of the public road from Great Mills to California being a portion of "Charles Chance" and "Woolsey Hall" being the same as JTB 3/649. Sometime between 1901 and 1927 the school board exchanged this lot for a parcel owned by Goodwin and described as the second tract in this conveyance. No deed was ever recorded acknowledging this exchange. The second parcel is a 1 1/4 acre tract on which Ebenezer School No. 3 stands on the east side of the public road leading from Great Mills to California being the same as EBA 2/252 and described as "being of a general triangular shape and bounded by a road on each side" being a portion of "Charles Chance and "Woolsey Hall." At this time, the school is no longer active.

Ebenezer School No. 3 Lot

TO: Maria A. Y. Goodwin

FROM: William F. E. Long, Trustee

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 2, folio 252.

DATE: September 17, 1901.

NOTES: Transfer of a portion of "Charles Chance" or "Woolsey Hall" not sold to James Thomas Fenhagan and conveyed to him by me on September 11, 1901 being about 9 acres leaving 141 acres of the original tract. The total transferred to Goodwin being 150 acres. The sale of this property is the result of a judgment in the Equity case William F. E. Long next friend to Carrie E. Barnes vs. Carrie E. Barnes et al, No. 945 N. E., dated August 5, 1901.

School Lot that was exchanged for above

TO: R. G. Harris, John M. Brown, James Warren, School Commissioners of St. Mary's County

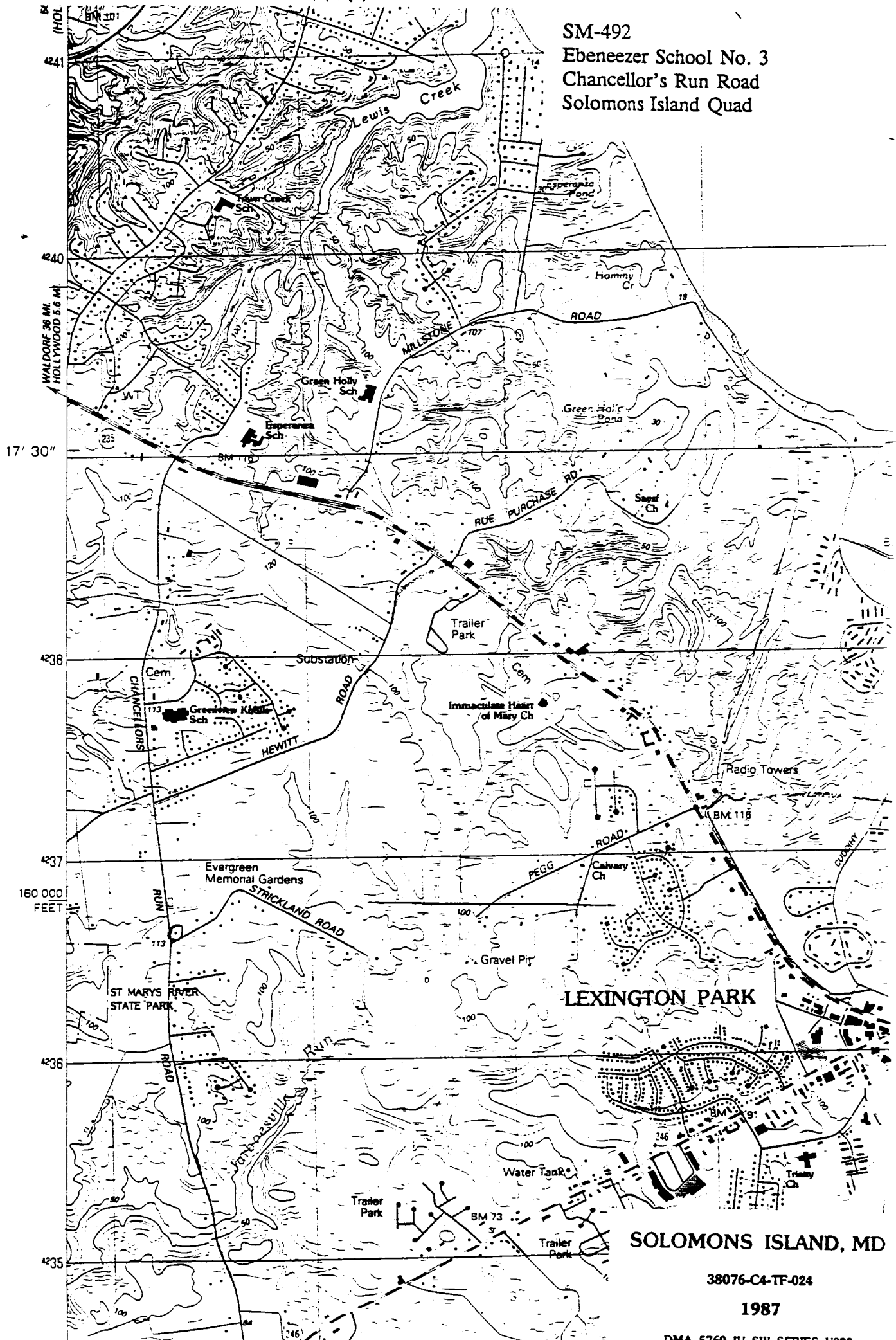
FROM: Edmund Norris

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JTB 3, folio 649.

DATE: October 8, 1861

NOTES: Transfer of a lot beginning "at a cedar stob planted near the public road and running thence 70 yards westward to a large stone and from thence 70 yards north to a cedar stob and from thence eastward to a stone near the public road from thence with the road to the place of beginning."

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Ebenezer School No. 3
Chancellor's Run Road
Solomons Island Quad



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Ebenezer School No 3

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